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SUBJECT: KOREAN PRESS REPORTS ROKG PROTESTS

1. KOREAN PRESS JUNE 29 GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO REPORTS OF ROKG PROTESTS DELIVERED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER JUNE 28, CONCERNING ALLEGED BLUE HOUSE BUGGING AND CONTINUED TESTIMONY OF KIM HYONG UK.

2. KOREA HERALD, IN MOST SPECIFIC ACCOUNT, SAID ROKG FOREIGN MINISTER, IN MEETING WITH US AMBASSADOR, " REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN WRITING THAT IT DID NOT EAVESDROP ON THE PRESIDENTIAL MANSION..." ARTICLE NOTED AMBASSADOR HAD PREVIOUSLY DENIED THE INCIDENT AS "GROUNDLESS". OTHER PRESS, THOUGH LESS DETAILED, GAVE SIMILAR PRESENTATION. PRESS ALSO REPORTS, USUALLY IN SAME STORY, THAT PAK HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT "CONTINUATION OF KIM'S TESTIMONY---COULD HURT THE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES", (ALTHOUGH AM PRESS, AT LEAST, GAVE TOP BILLING TO THE BUGGING ISSUES).

3. CHOSON ILBO ALSO REPORTED JUNE 29 UNDER HEADLINE "AMBASSADOR SNEIDER'S NEGATIVE RESPONSE", THAT THE AMBASSADOR "WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUOTED AS HAVING REITERATED THE US POSITION THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION COULD NOT INTERVENE IN CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE U.S. TO REGULATE ANTI-KOREAN ACTIVITIES IN THE STATES INSOFAR AS THEY DID NOT VIOLATE THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND LAWS."

4. WHILE LOCAL COVERAGE GENERALLY FOLLOWS AP AND UPI

ACCOUNTS OF MEETING, IT DOES NOT MENTION KOREAN OFFICIALS'  
DEMAND THAT U.S. TAKE PROMPT ACTION TO PREVENT  
CONGRESS FROM CONDUCTING FURTHER HEARINGS AS REPORTED BY  
AP. IN FACT, FOREIGN MINISTER MADE NO SUCH DEMAND AND  
AP ACCOUNT IS INACCURATE ON THIS POINT.  
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